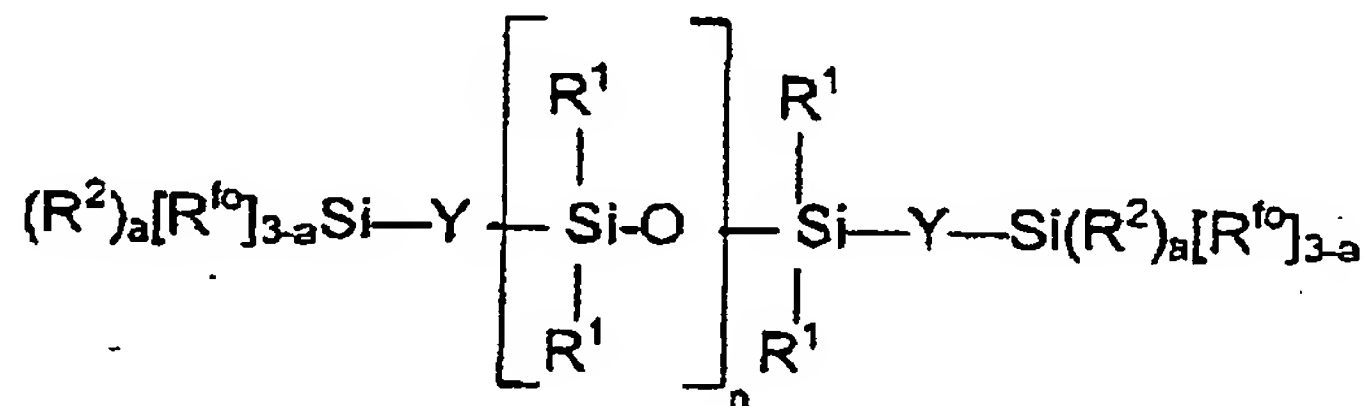


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A single-component polyorganosiloxane composition (POS) which is stable on storage in the absence of moisture and which crosslinks in the presence of water to give a nonyellowing and adherent elastomer, said composition comprising:

(i) at least one crosslinkable linear polyorgano-polysiloxane **A** of formula:



(I)

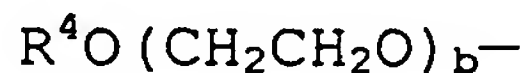
in which:

- the substituents  $R^1$ , which are identical or different, each represent a saturated or unsaturated, substituted or unsubstituted, aliphatic, cyclanic or aromatic,  $C_1$  to  $C_{13}$  monovalent hydrocarbon radical;
- the substituents  $R^2$ , which are identical or different, each represent a saturated or unsaturated, substituted or unsubstituted, aliphatic, cyclanic or aromatic,  $C_1$  to  $C_{13}$  monovalent hydrocarbon radical;
- the functionalization substituents  $R^{fo}$ , which are identical or different, each represent:
  - an iminoxy residue of formula:



with  $R^3$  independently representing a linear or branched  $C_1$  to  $C_8$  alkyl, a  $C_3$  to  $C_8$  cycloalkyl or a  $C_2$ - $C_8$  alkenyl;

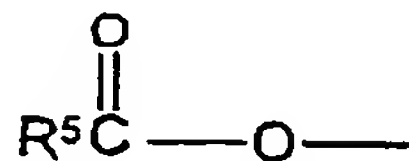
- an alkoxy residue of formula:



with  $R^4$  independently representing a linear or

branched C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>8</sub> alkyl or a C<sub>3</sub> to C<sub>8</sub> cycloalkyl  
and b = 0 or 1;

- an acyloxy residue of formula:

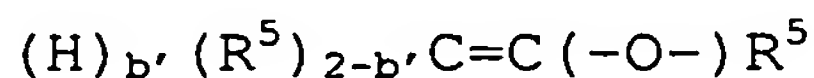


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with R<sup>5</sup> representing a saturated or  
unsaturated, substituted or unsubstituted,  
aliphatic, cyclanic or aromatic, C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>13</sub>  
monovalent hydrocarbon radical;

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- an enoxy residue of formula:

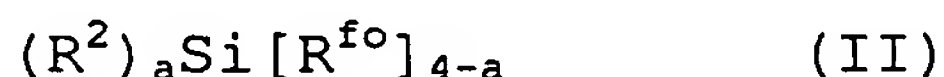


where R<sup>5</sup> is as defined above and b' = 0, 1 or  
2;

- 15 - each symbol Y represents an oxygen atom or a divalent  
hydrocarbon group;  
- n has a value sufficient to confer, on the POS **A**, a  
dynamic viscosity at 25°C ranging from 1000 to  
1 000 000 mPa·s;  
20 - a is zero or 1;

(2i) optionally at least one polyorganosiloxane  
resin **B** functionalized by at least one radical R<sup>fo</sup>  
corresponding to the definition given above and  
exhibiting, in its structure, at least two different  
25 siloxyl units chosen from those of formulae (R<sup>1</sup>)<sub>3</sub>SiO<sub>1/2</sub>  
(M unit), (R<sup>1</sup>)<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>2/2</sub> (D unit), R<sup>1</sup>SiO<sub>3/2</sub> (T unit) and SiO<sub>2</sub>  
(Q unit), at least one of these units being a T or Q  
unit, the radicals R<sup>1</sup>, which are identical or  
different, having the meanings given above with respect  
30 to the formula (I), said resin having a content by  
weight of functional radicals R<sup>fo</sup> ranging from 0.1 to  
10%, it being understood that a portion of the radicals  
R<sup>1</sup> are radicals R<sup>fo</sup>;

(3i) optionally at least one crosslinking agent **C**  
35 of formula:

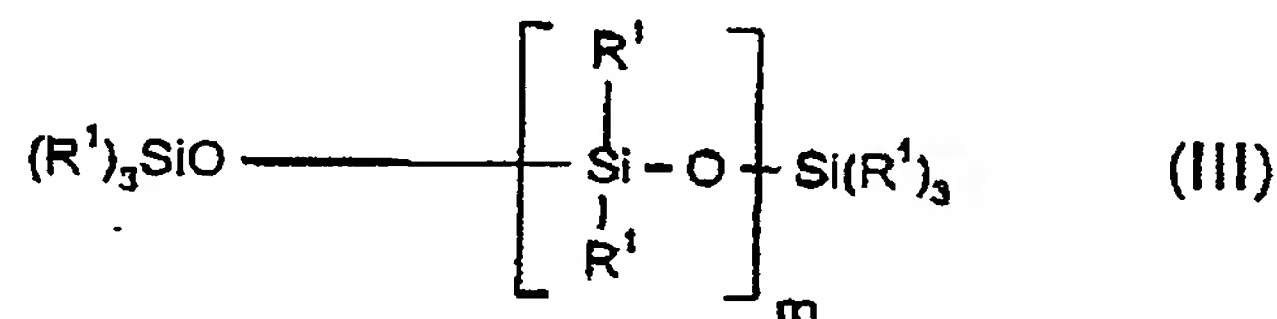


with  $R^2$ ,  $R^{fo}$  and  $a$  being as defined above;

(4i) optionally a residual amount of the functionalization catalyst **D** in the presence of which the preparation of the POS(s) **A** and of the optional resin(s) **B** which are functionalized by  $R^{fo}$  takes place;

(5i) optionally at least one primary aliphatic  $C_1$  to  $C_3$  alcohol **E**;

(6i) optionally at least one unreactive linear polydiorganosiloxane **F** which is not functionalized by  $R^{fo}$  and which has the formula:



in which:

- the substituents  $R^1$ , which are identical or different, have the same meanings as those given above for the polyorganosiloxane **A** of formula (I);

-  $m$  has a value sufficient to confer, on the polymer of formula (III), a dynamic viscosity at 25°C ranging from 10 to 200 000 mPa·s;

(7i) at least one inorganic filler **G**;

(8i) optionally at least one auxiliary agent **H** known to a person skilled in the art which is generally chosen, when it is needed, according to the applications in which the compositions according to the present invention are employed;

(9i) an effective amount of a crosslinking/curing catalyst **I**; said composition being characterized by the following points ( $\alpha$ ), ( $\beta$ ) and ( $\gamma$ ):

- ( $\alpha$ ) the curing catalyst **I** consists of the combination of at least one organic derivative **I1** of a metal **M1** chosen from titanium, zirconium and their mixtures with at least one organic derivative **I2** of a metal **M2** chosen from zinc, aluminum, boron, bismuth and their mixtures;

- ( $\beta$ ) the number of  $\mu g.at$  (microgram atoms)

of the metals M1 + M2 introduced into 1 g of single-component composition comprising all the ingredients (i) to (8i) lies within the range extending from 1 to 150;

- 5 • (γ) the ratio:

$$\frac{\text{number of } \mu\text{g.at of M2}}{\text{total number of } \mu\text{g.at of M1 + M2}} \times 100$$

lies within the range extending from 5 to 95%.

10 2. The single-component polyorganosiloxane (POS) composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that use is made of an amount of curing catalyst I such that:

- 15 • (β) the number of μg.at (microgram atoms) of the metals M1 + M2 introduced into 1 g of single-component composition comprising all the ingredients (i) to (8i) lies within the range extending from 25 to 55;

- (γ) the ratio:

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$$\frac{\text{number of } \mu\text{g.at of M2}}{\text{total number of } \mu\text{g.at of M1 + M2}} \times 100$$

lies within the range extending from 10 to 45%.

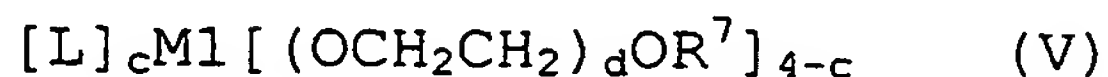
25 3. The single-component polyorganosiloxane (POS) composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that:

- the POS **A** is a polymer of formula (I) in which the symbol Y represents an oxygen atom;
- the functionalization substituents  $R^{fo}$  of the ingredients **A**, **B** and **C** are of alkoxy type and correspond to the formula  $R^4O(CH_2CH_2O)_b-$  as defined above; and
- the crosslinking/curing catalyst **I** consists of a combination:

- 35 • of at least one organic derivative **I1** of a

metal M1 chosen from the group consisting of:

+ monomers **II.1** of formula:



in which:

- 5                   - the symbol L represents a  $\sigma$  donor  
ligand,           with           or           without            $\pi$   
participation;  
- c represents 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;  
- M1 is a metal chosen from titanium,  
10                   zirconium and their mixtures;  
- the       substituents  $R^7$ ,       which       are  
identical or different, each represent  
a linear or branched  $C_1$  to  $C_{12}$  alkyl  
radical;  
15                   - d represents zero, 1 or 2;  
- with the conditions according to  
which, when the symbol d represents  
zero, the alkyl radical  $R^7$  has from 2  
to 12 carbon atoms and, when the  
20                   symbol d represents 1 or 2, the alkyl  
radical  $R^7$  has from 1 to 4 carbon  
atoms;

+ polymers **II.2** resulting from the partial hydrolysis of the monomers of formula (V) in which the symbol c is at most equal to 3 and the symbol R<sup>7</sup> has the abovementioned meaning with the symbol d representing zero; with

- at least one organic derivative **I2** of a metal M2 chosen from the group consisting of:

+ the polycarboxylates **I2.1** of formula:



+ the metal alkoxides and chelates **I2.2**  
of formula:



+ in which formulae:

- the substituents  $R^8$ , which are

identical or different, each represent a linear or branched  $C_1$  to  $C_{20}$  alkyl radical;

- 5                   - the symbol  $R^9$  has the meaning given above in the formula (V) for  $R^7$ ;
- the symbol L represents a  $\sigma$  donor ligand, with or without  $\pi$  participation;
- 10                  - M2 is a metal of valency v chosen from zinc, aluminum, bismuth, boron and their mixtures;
- e represents a number ranging from zero to v.

15                  4. The single-component polyorganosiloxane (POS) composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the substituents  $R^1$  of the polymers POS **A** functionalized by  $R^{fo}$ , of the optional resins **B** functionalized by  $R^{fo}$  and of the optional

20 nonfunctionalized polymers **F** are selected from the group formed by:

- alkyl and haloalkyl radicals having from 1 to 13 carbon atoms,
- 25                  - cycloalkyl and halocycloalkyl radicals having from 5 to 13 carbon atoms,
- alkenyl radicals having from 2 to 8 carbon atoms,
- mononuclear aryl and haloaryl radicals having from 6 to 13 carbon atoms,
- 30                  - cyanoalkyl radicals, the alkyl members of which have from 2 to 3 carbon atoms.

                  5. The single-component polyorganosiloxane (POS) composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that the crosslinking silanes **C**

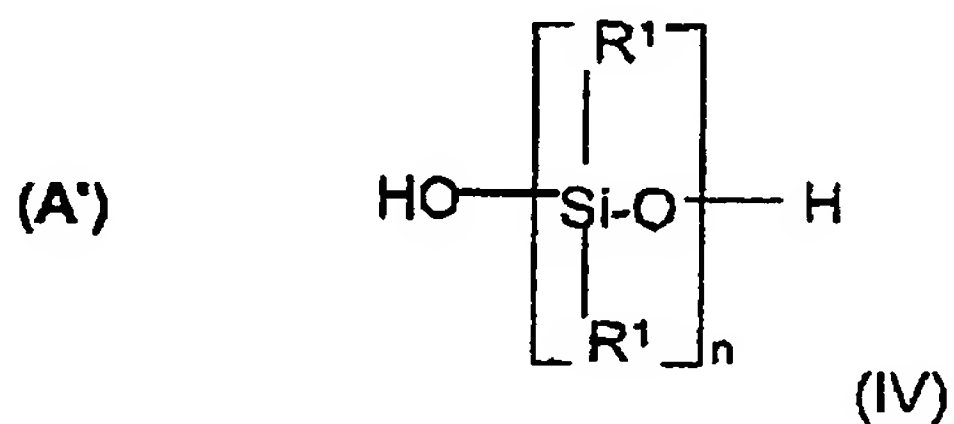
35 carrying the functionalization radicals  $R^{fo}$  are:  $Si(OC_2H_5)_4$ ,  $CH_3Si(OCH_3)_3$ ,  $CH_3Si(OC_2H_5)_3$ ,  $(C_2H_5O)_3Si(OCH_3)$ ,  $(CH_2=CH)Si(OCH_3)_3$  or  $(CH_2=CH)Si(OC_2H_5)_3$ .

6. A process for the preparation of the single-

component polyorganosiloxane (POS) composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5, characterized in that the preparation is carried out in equipment, operating batchwise or continuously, which makes it possible:

- to intimately mix, with the exclusion of moisture:
  - + in a stage 1, the following constituents: precursor POS **A'** or **A''** of the POS **A** functionalized by  $R^{fo}$ , precursor resin **B'** or **B''** (optional) of the resin POS **B** functionalized by  $R^{fo}$ , silane, optionally olefinic, carrying the functional groups  $R^{fo}$  (which can be the silane **C**), functionalization catalyst **D**, alcohol **E** (optional) and nonfunctionalized and unreactive POS **F** (optional);
  - + then, in a stage 2, the reaction mixture from stage 1 supplemented by the addition of the constituents **G**, **H** (optional), **F** (optional) and **I**; and
- to discharge the volatile materials present at various points in the implementation of the process:
  - + during the abovementioned stage 1 and/or
  - + during the abovementioned stage 2 and/or
  - + in a final stage 3.

7. The process as claimed in claims 3 and 6, characterized in that the hydroxylated precursor **A'** of the POS **A** functionalized by  $R^{fo}$  at the chain ends is an  $\alpha, \omega$ -hydroxylated polydiorganosiloxane of formula:



with  $R^1$  and  $n$  being as defined above in the formula (I).

8. The process as claimed in claims 3 and 6 or 7, characterized in that the hydroxylated precursor **B'** of the optional resin POS **B** functionalized by  $R^{fo}$  corresponds to the definition given above for **B** in claim 1, except that a portion of the radicals  $R^1$  correspond to OH groups.

9. The process as claimed in any one of claims 3 and 6 to 8, characterized in that the functionalization catalyst **D** is selected from the following compounds:

- potassium acetate,
- various inorganic oxides,
- carbamates,
- lithium hydroxide,
- sodium hydroxide or potassium hydroxide.

10. A nonyellowing elastomer capable of adhering to various substrates and obtained by crosslinking and curing the single-component silicone mastic composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5 or which is obtained by the process as claimed in any one of claims 6 to 9.